

CHAPTER 497

(House Bill 975)

AN ACT concerning

City of Baltimore - General Powers

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to assess and collect tolls on any bridge, tunnel or approach thereto constructed as part of the Interstate System of Highways pursuant to Title 23 of the United States Code within the bounds of Baltimore City in order to pay for the construction, maintenance, and operation thereof.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article II - General Powers
Sections 34(a) and (d)
Charter of Baltimore City
(1964 Revision, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 34(a) and (d) of Article II - General Powers, of the Charter of Baltimore City (1964 Revision, as amended) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article II - General Powers

34.

(a) To CONSTRUCT, open, extend, widen, straighten or close streets, BRIDGES, TUNNELS OR APPROACHES TO THEM and OTHER public ways of every kind within the bounds of the city; [and] to assess and collect benefits and to award and pay damages resulting therefrom; AND TO ASSESS AND COLLECT TOLLS ON ANY BRIDGE, TUNNEL OR APPROACH THERETO TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ANY SUCH FACILITIES CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS PURSUANT TO TITLE 23 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE, AND TO PLEDGE ANY TOLL REVENUES, LESS THE ACTUAL COST OF THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF SUCH FACILITIES, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (50) OF ARTICLE II OF THIS CHARTER, IN CONNECTION WITH ANY BONDS, NOTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS ISSUED TO FINANCE THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF ANY SUCH BRIDGE, TUNNEL, OR APPROACH THERETO; PROVIDED THAT VEHICLES OWNED BY THE STATE AND BALTIMORE CITY ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF ANY SUCH TOLL;

(d) To regulate the use of streets and public ways by persons, animals and vehicles; to prohibit the use of